

Plural Words

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parties	sandwiches	benches	wishes	vegetables
exercises	companies	branches	skis	businesses

Say and Listen

Say the spelling words. Notice the ending sounds and letters.



sandwiches

Think and Sort

A **plural** is a word that names more than one thing. A **base word** is a word to which suffixes, prefixes, and endings can be added. All of the spelling words are plurals. Most plurals are formed by adding *-s* to a base word. Other plurals are formed by adding *-es*.

The spelling of some base words changes when *-es* is added. A final *y* is often changed to *i*. An *f* is often changed to *v*.

Look at the spelling words. Think about how each plural is formed. Spell each word aloud.

1. Write the **six** spelling words formed by adding *-s* to the base word, like *skis*.
2. Write the **seven** *-es* spelling words that have no changes in the base word, like *branches*.
3. Write the **seven** *-es* spelling words that have changes in the spelling of the base word, like *wives*.

1. -s Plurals

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. -es Plurals with No Base Word Changes

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. -es Plurals with Base Word Changes

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Clues

Write the spelling word for each clue.

1. Corn and spinach are kinds of these. _____
2. You can use these to slide over snow. _____
3. You make these with bread and a filling. _____
4. These are very young cows. _____
5. These people live next door to you. _____
6. These women have husbands. _____
7. These reach out from tree trunks. _____
8. You sit on these in a park. _____
9. These happen when cars hit other cars. _____
10. Collecting stamps is an example of these. _____
11. Doing these can make you stronger. _____
12. Runners and gymnasts are these. _____
13. These can be about real or made-up events. _____
14. Referees give these to rule-breakers. _____
15. These places make things to sell. _____



Rhymes

Write the spelling word that completes each sentence and rhymes with the underlined word.

16. The workers put their wrenches on the _____.
17. When it was twenty _____, my nose began to freeze!
18. Ms. Lowe teaches us how to give _____.
19. Everyone loves to go to Artie's birthday _____.

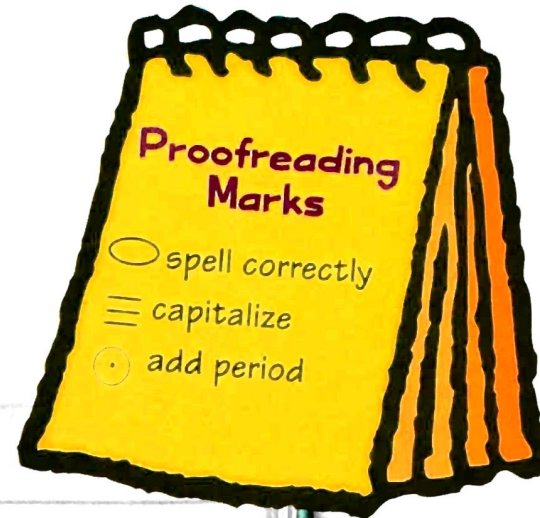


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Proofreading

Proofread the paragraph below. Use proofreading marks to correct five spelling mistakes, three capitalization mistakes, and two punctuation mistakes.



Up and Away

I learned about model airplanes from my neighbors, Victor and melinda. Last Saturday we sat on the benches in their yard, ate sandwitches, and talked about planes. They showed me their models and told storyes about each one. Victor's favorite model is one that his great-grandfather gave him. It's a Spitfire, an airplane used by the Royal Air Force in World War II. Victor's great-grandfather flew a Spitfire in that war. i decided to build my own models. Victor said that of all the hobbies, building model airplanes is his favorite. now it's mine, too. My father is helping me build a Spitfire and a Hornet.

Subject-Verb Agreement

The subject and the verb of a sentence must “agree” in number. A plural subject must have a plural verb. A singular subject must have a singular verb.

Singular Subject

This story is about a zookeeper.

Plural Subject

All of the stories are interesting.

The subject of each of the following sentences appears in dark type. Choose the correct verb for the subject. Then write the sentence correctly.

1. My **neighbor** (was, were) upset about losing her parrot.

2. The **vegetables** in our garden (is, are) ready to be picked.

3. The mayor’s **speech** (seem, seems) too long and too serious.

4. These cucumber **sandwiches** really (does, do) taste good.

5. Our **calves** (spends, spend) most of the day playing.

6. The **benches** at the city park (need, needs) to be replaced.

7. His father’s **company** (build, builds) parts for computers.

